

# The Weekly Ledger

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THE Martinsburg Grange officially says: "The Martinsburg Grange, one of the oldest and most successful in the State, is a great booster for the State and a great booster for the State."

HON. WILLIAM HIRTH of Columbia, Mo. has been re-elected President of the Commercial Club of Missouri, which is an honor well earned. Mr. Hirth is not only an intelligent, but a persistent worker for the good of Missouri. He speaks enthusiastically wherever he goes and is doing a splendid work for the good of the State and should have the cordial co-operation of not only the members of Missouri's Commercial Club but of its citizens generally. Here's to Hirth, the Hustler.

If the billiard halls are to be closed, there should be some arrangement for the entertainment of young men and boys in Mexico. This is a proposition that would appeal to a Y. M. C. A.

BOB EDWARDS who has been editor of the Slater Roster for many years, has said the paper to S. A. Howard, a bright, successful business man of Slater, who will keep the Slater up to its high standard. Mr. Edwards is one of Missouri's successful newspaper men and the Slater joins his friends in wishing him much prosperity wherever he may locate.

THERE is not a single case of small pox in Mexico, any report to the contrary notwithstanding.

MRS. E. S. WILSON has resigned her position as matron at William Wood College, Fulton, and will return to her home in Mexico to reside. Mrs. Wilson made a most popular matron and the management of the school regrets very much to lose her services. Mrs. Wilson's many friends in Mexico are glad to welcome her home again.

KANSAS CITY people should reap an appropriation of \$10,000 at least. If necessary to employ the best lawyers in the State to prosecute the brother who assaulted a young lady trained nurse in that city last week. This is probably the most outrageous crime that ever took place in the State. Talk about barbers: Mexico! no more heinous crime could have been committed, even among the savage Indians of that country. Beasts would not be guilty of such a crime. If guilty, three brothers should have the full force of the law, which means hanging. Women are not safe in a community where such crimes go unpunished.

THE Vandalla, Mo., Ledger editorially says: The Mexico Ledger has reached the half century mark. During the regime of Col. Whitman Mexico has made very great strides in development and in everything the Ledger has always been on the side that makes for better community life.

ONE of the most enthusiastic and enjoyable meetings of business men ever held in this part of Missouri was the annual banquet of the Central Commercial Club Friday evening. Central should feel proud of her Commercial Club and the Commercial Club should feel proud of Central. Every member of the Club is a booster and a worker for Central and that means a great deal. We join in extending hearty congratulations to the Central Commercial Club on the splendid success of the banquet and wish them continued prosperity.

IT will pay you to read all the advertisements in the Mexico Ledger, both daily and weekly every day and every week.

THE little city of Aurora sure has got the forward movement on it. A few weeks ago it voted an \$8,000 bond issue for water works and has now issued bonds for \$15,000 for the purpose of a new school building. These bonds were carried by a vote of 125 to 25. Plenty of good water is absolutely necessary to the growth and prosperity of towns, and there can be no better inducement for immigration than first-class schools with modern, up-to-date school buildings. That's the way to make a town grow into a city.

IT is claimed by a writer in the Kansas City Star that the whole state liquor men in seeking that Sunday saloons be opened by referendum. The liquor men particularly want to beat County. This is an issue submitted that the people are strongly against the liquor men figure that the people will vote "No" all down the line and thus vote against County Unit, although they are ready for it. That very probably is the liquor men's plan. But—

"They can't fool all the people all the time."

"The Missouri people have gotten used to the initiative and referendum. They have learned how to vote with intelligent discrimination. They know that with these two powers of direct legislation they can beat any bad measure and enact any good measure."

"And the liquor interests have done a lot to educate the people in this regard. They've tricked-in the legislature and in the courts, in politics and in elections—have put the people on guard against them."

"Let the brewers and saloonkeepers put the County Unit Bill on the ballot for referendum and the Sunday closing referendum on the ballot by the initiative. The people can decide both issues right."

"And if the liquor traffic keeps on trying to 'put things over,' the people of Missouri will decide to make some use of the initiative and referendum on their own account."

Missouri people are good tempered when you don't fool them, but as a business."

STILL if the ultimate American music is to be an outgrowth of ragtime, we are in no hurry for it.

THE Mexico Ledger joins the people of Mexico and Andrus County in extending a warm welcome to Col. E. Y. Burton, now at the head of the Department of Mathematics in Mississippi College, Jackson, Miss., who will come to Mexico in April to take charge of the Missouri Military Academy. Col. Burton is well equipped in every way to head this splendid institution which should be one of the most popular and useful schools for boys in Missouri. Col. Burton will have the cordial support of the citizens of Mexico and Andrus County generally in making this institution one of the very best.

A HOSPITAL Aid Society should be organized not only in each ward in Mexico but in each town and village in Andrus County. This is an important matter and should have the attention of the management at once. The Hospital is more than meeting the expectations of those who are behind the enterprise in the way of its usefulness. On account of so much charity work, of course, it will be hard to make the Hospital self-supporting but those who are interested in an enterprise of this kind, we are sure will be glad to organize and assist in every way possible. This Hospital must have the cordial and liberal support of the people of the County generally.

If you don't believe advertising in the Mexico Ledger pays, just try putting in a two-line ad. "A fresh coat of paint." It won't cost you but 10 cents. The writer tried it last week.

HOW TO BE SUCCESSFUL. "Young men who want to get on in the world don't drink, nowadays," said John D. Rockefeller, Jr., to the little class of the Fifth Avenue Baptist Church at Cleveland, O., recently. "Great corporations do not employ men who drink."

Mr. Rockefeller told the members of the class that his grandfather and his father never touched intoxicating liquor and were total abstainers as a matter of principle, and that he had followed their example. His advice and suggestions as to clean living and as to what every young man can do toward utilizing the social evil were heard by 200 members of the class.

"To quote the words of another," said Mr. Rockefeller, "let me remind you that 'success consists of doing the common things of life usually well.' There is one thing more needed to this success than ability. That is will."

"If a man is unwilling to do small tasks and do them well, he ought not be permitted to do big tasks, and if he is permitted mistakenly he is not certain to fail. The power of application is essential in all standards."

Mr. Rockefeller believed that rich men should feel that their money is not theirs to use for their own pleasure, but for the public and private good of others.

"Those who have lots of money have, however, no more reason to feel this way," he said, "than those who have small fortunes or only a little money, save in relative measure. It is important that the man who can give a dollar should realize this obligation to give the same as the man or woman who give a million."

The way to get a start in the world, in his opinion, is to jump in somewhere and do the best you can. Mr. Rockefeller talked at considerable length on the subject of the social evil and on the necessity for personal purity. He said emphatically that there can be no such thing as a double standard of morals, one standard for men, quite another for women. He scouted the notion that young men must now wild oats.

DR. J. W. MILLION SPEAKS AT CENTRAL BANQUET.

The annual banquet of the Central Commercial Club, Friday night was one of the most enthusiastic and enjoyable occasions of that kind ever held in this section. Over a hundred club members and guests were present.

Dr. J. W. Million made a splendid address on "Our Mutual Interests," which he pointed out ways in which Mexico and Centralia might be mutually benefited and asked that the towns work together to the end, their representative from Mexico were J. W. Dry, J. T. Johnson, E. R. Locke and Sidney Houston, of the Ledger.

"Roads" was the topic on which Hon. Frank Buffum, State Highway Commissioner, spoke and his talk was excellent.

Mayor Arthur Davies made a most excellent toastmaster. The following made short addresses: J. H. Whitcomb, Mayor; O. D. Gray, Surgeon; R. R. Correll, Clerk; J. T. Mitchell, Centralia; Frank Holman, Mayor; J. Kelley Pool, Centralia.

The banquet was held in the dining room of the Christian church which was beautifully decorated and the ladies of the church served a most delightful menu.

The Centralia Commercial Club should feel very proud of the success of their annual banquet as all present declared it excellent. Centralia is one of the most up-to-date little cities in this section of Missouri and her business men are awake to everything that might be done to improve her.

Mrs. Judge Elijah Robleson died at her husband's home in Kansas City, aged 57 years at 3 o'clock Friday, March 13.

Did It Ever Occur To You

that our complete land records enable us to quickly furnish accurate reports on any real estate in Andrus County. Our established reputation for reliable and confidential work has secured for us the business of conservative individuals and institutions who have need of our services. We are prepared to furnish abstracts of title, sell your property, loan you money on real estate, make deeds of conveyance, write your insurance of all kinds, or go on your bond.

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Real Estate, Loans, Insurance  
115 East Jackson Street  
Both Phones  
MEXICO, MISSOURI

## WAR TIME HISTORIES



It is said, 10 or 15 men. This circumstance occurred a day or two before Muldrow and Whitman were killed. The company of German soldiers, first above mentioned, had heard of the men being killed on the cars, and when they met Whitman and Muldrow concluded that John Q. Muldrow was the John Q. Muldrow who had done the shooting, and hence they killed him. For the facts above stated we are indebted to J. H. Hudson of Mexico.

William Lockridge and Garland Burber were killed on the streets of Mexico. A company of German soldiers passed the town on the cars going to Mexico, or some other town west of Mexico. In passing they noticed that the Bell and Everett flag was flying in the breeze from the dome of the court house. During the day, or before the return of the soldiers, some person had taken the flag down. The absence of the flag was noticed by the soldiers as they were passing the town on their train, and they stopped the train. While the soldiers were scattered around over town as guards, and began to shoot indiscriminately at anybody they could see about the streets. Mr. Lockridge was attempting to leave town on his horse when he was killed. Mr. Burber was in his wagon on the street, having brought a load of potatoes to town, and when the firing began his horse came frightened and ran off in the direction of his home. Burber was trying to check his horse, and the soldiers, thinking he was trying to make his escape from town, shot him. The soldiers did not remain long, and after killing these two men, went aboard the train and passed east.

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## NEW PRESIDENT OF M. M. A. IS BIG SCHOOL MAN.

Colonel E. Y. Burton, now professor of Mathematics in Mississippi College, Jackson, Miss., will arrive April 1 to assume the presidency of the Missouri Military Academy.

The school is to be inaugurated on Sunday as president a man of such broad experience and ability. Col. Burton is known as a man who takes great pride in his town and is a worker for boys in his community. We predict that a three week stay in this city will find him a stronger in no business man here.

The Board of Trade of Jackson, Miss., has this to say of him. "Col. Burton is a college man of the highest character, having graduated at the University of Virginia. He studied engineering at the University of Chicago and Wisconsin and then spent a year in post-graduate work at the University of Virginia."

Col. and Mrs. Burton will be a charming addition to the social life of Mexico.

HISTORY OF MEXICO TO BE WRITTEN BY MCM. SENIORS.

That the Mexico schools are getting more and more practical every day is shown by the fact that the Seniors in the History and English department at M. M. A. are writing a full and complete history of Mexico, Missouri, which will be published if arrangements can be made.

Miss Benson Boote has charge of the History department and Misses Laura Seavey and Ruth Mason, the English departments. The history students are getting the facts together and the English students are writing the history. In this way both departments are given splendid training in their work.

Miss Boote, who originated the idea of the history, says it was for the purpose of interesting her Senior Class which is studying American history in local history and to give them experience in dealing with historical material at first hand instead of rewriting what someone else has written. "It will give the class excellent training in research work," she said.

The class has been divided into different sections and each division will write on one of the following subjects: local history, industrial development, transportation, social life, religious organizations, intellectual interest, education and notable events. Each of these topics will be thoroughly covered and the result should be one of the best and most detailed histories ever written of Mexico. It will be complete to date.

SEVEN TAKE EXAMS FOR FOURTH-CLASS P. M.

Seven persons took the examinations for six fourth-class postmasterships in Andrus and Montgomery today. This examination is given under a new law, whereby the person getting the highest grade will be given the office. H. M. Bartles, local secretary of the Civil Service Board, gave the examination at the Mexico postoffice.

The following are the number who the examination for each office: Mexico 1, Rush Hill 1, Benton City 1, Martinsburg 1, New Florence 2, Jonesburg 1.

WE CAN NOW SUPPLY THIS HAIR PREPARATION

Our Big Harmony Laboratories in Boston have caught up with their old stock and we don't have to disappoint any who are using Harmony Hair Beautifier and want more of it, or who have been advised by your friends to use it. We can now fill all demands, even if it becomes even more of a rage than it is now.

Harmony Hair Beautifier is what it is named—hair beautifier. It is not a hair dye or hair oil, but a dainty, perfume-faded liquid dressing to give the hair natural gloss and brightness, wavy softness, rigid body to apply—simply sprinkle a little on your hair each time before brushing it. Contains no oil, and will not change color of the hair nor dark or gray hair.

To keep hair and scalp dandruff-free and clean, use Harmony Shampoo. This pure liquid shampoo gives an instantaneous relief rather than the immediate penetrates to every part of hair and scalp, insuring a quick and thorough cleansing. Washed off just as quickly, the entire operation takes only a few moments. Contains nothing that can harm the hair; leaves no heaviness or stiffness—just a sweet-smelling cleanliness.

Both preparations come in old-fashioned, very ornamental bottles, with sprinkler tops. Harmony Hair Beautifier, \$1.00. Harmony Shampoo, 50c. Both guaranteed to satisfy you in every way, or your money back. Sold only at the more than 7000 Rexall Stores, and in this town only at—Olin Fordy, 206 North Side Drugist, Mexico, Mo. 1.

The matter of holding a sale day here was placed in the hands of the Agriculture committee for investigation.

Good roads were discussed generally and then between Centralia and Thompson, and the matter for full action was left in the hands of the road committee and that this road join the range line road after reaching Centralia. Those present were: M. T. Vandegriff, L. M. White, L. B. Hawthorne, H. E. C. Tucker, R. D. Ryms, Gus Graham, Tom McKean, F. W. Fletcher, B. A. Powell, W. E. Fowler, C. A. Barnes, E. P. Elliott, Ben Morris, P. L. Hilly, Alex. Carter, R. E. Rane, J. T. Johnson, W. A. Sharp, Chas. Clark, W. C. Smith, Louis Barth, Ben Whitot, C. W. Cresswell, J. W. Dry, Walker Pollock, J. B. Evans, J. J. Crosty, W. B. Hathaway, R. E. Locke, J. W. Whitton, Harper Van Ness, J. W. Bateman, J. T. McCool, H. I. Turley, W. H. Upham, Turner Williams, Ed. Hooton.

Mrs. W. A. Shallenberger and the two boys, Wendell and Gale, returned Friday evening after a month's visit with Mrs. Shallenberger's parents at Grant City, Mo.

Miss Isabel Crockford, who is in a hospital in Chicago, is getting along nicely. Her many friends join the Ledger in wishing her an early recovery.

## MARTINSBURG IS MAKING STRIDES

Martinsburg, one of the liveliest towns of its size in the state, held its annual stock sale, Saturday. This year there were shipped into Martinsburg, under the auspices of the Commercial Club and always attracts large crowds. The Commercial Club is raising a fund for the rocks and curing of the business streets there and hope to see this improvement installed this year.

About 100 head of stock were sold at the sale and brought good prices. All of the stores had special attractions and prices for the day and the Commercial Club is to be congratulated upon the advertisement such an event in the town.

R. B. Chapman is preparing to open a cash store in Martinsburg and it is reported there will be another hardware store established there shortly.

Miss Mary Verhoff, a sister of Mrs. Carl Dobyne and Ed Verhoff, of this city, has one of the best and prettiest military stores in Martinsburg. She has a large stock of military goods and a regular spring opening Saturday and the store was crowded throughout the day.

Henry Youngblood, one of Andrus' most substantial farmers, is in poor health. He has many warm friends who will be sorry to learn of his condition.

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## Stock Notes

J. J. Wakefield, member of the State Board of Agriculture from this county, was appointed director of music and janitor for the State Fair at a meeting held in Sealing, Wednesday. Chas. Green of Centralia was appointed superintendent of the new rings.

It is time to begin to get ready for the big Mexico Fair, Aug. 11, 12, 13 and 14. Arrangements are being made in detail to make this fair better than ever.

Holger, three-year-old gelding belonging to Kay Spence of this city, won the San Jose handicap at Jaxard, Mexico, Tuesday. Holger, who was an 11-to-8 shot, ran the 6 furlongs in 1